

Finding Aid of 33MSS 88: Primitive Baptist Church Records, 1830-2001

Descriptive Summary

Repository: Outer Banks History Center, Manteo, N.C.

Creator: Elim Primitive Baptist Church and Providence Primitive Baptist Church

Title: 33MSS-88, Primitive Baptist Church Records, 1830-2001

Language of Materials: English

Location: For current information on the location of these materials, please contact the Outer Banks History Center, www.obhistorycenter.net.

Abstract: Elim Church (Regular Baptist) in Powells Point, North Carolina was formed in the early 1800s from members of Coinjock Church. Elim became a member of the Kehukee Baptist Association in 1831, having previously been associated with the Chowan Baptist Association. Eight members of Elim Church who lived on the "North Banks" across the sound from Powells Point asked for a letter of dismissal for the purpose of starting a new church. The request was granted, and on August 26, 1854 a new church, Providence Church, was established at Kitty Hawk.

The Primitive Baptist Records contain correspondence, ledger books, newspaper clippings, and session books from Elim and Providence Primitive Baptist churches.

Extent:

1 cubic feet

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions:

Available for research.

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Biographical/Historical Note:

Baptists first worshiped in America in the early 18th century. The religion gained followers after the Great Awakening in the 1730s and '40s. During the rise of the mission movement in the early 1800s, a large split divided Baptists. Supporters of the mission movement that advocated tract societies, theological seminaries, and charitable work, became known as Missionary Baptists, while those who followed traditional Baptist theology became known as Regular or Primitive Baptists.

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Collection Overview:

This collection contains correspondence, ledger books, newspaper clippings, and session books from Elim and Providence Primitive Baptist churches. The ledger books provide a wealth of information regarding the church. The ledgers contain membership lists, clerk and deacon lists, records of the quarterly and monthly meetings, information regarding the church history, rules of decorum, the faith of the church, as well as membership death records. The ledgers are very fragile and the ink is faded in some areas.

Collection Arrangement:

The records in this collection are arranged topically.

Online Catalog Headings:

These and related materials may be found under the following headings in online catalogs.

Subject Terms

Church records and registers--North Carolina--Kitty Hawk
Church records and registers--North Carolina--Powells Point

Elim Baptist Church (Powells Point, N.C.)
Primitive Baptists--North Carolina--Kitty Hawk
Primitive Baptists--North Carolina--Powells Point
Providence Baptist Church (Kitty Hawk, N.C.)

Geographic Terms

Kitty Hawk (N.C.)
Powells Point (N.C.)

Related Collections:

Additional information on topics found in this collection may be found in the Manuscript and Archives Reference System (MARS) <http://mars.archives.ncdcr.gov/BasicSearch.aspx>.

See also:

Container List:

Primitive Baptist Church Records, 1830-2001 (1 box, 11 folders)

Folder 1:1.1	Finding Aid
	Primitive Baptist Church Records
Folder 1:2.1	Correspondence
	Kehukee Primitive Baptist Church Annual Session Books
Folder 1:2.2	1966-1993
Folder 1:2.3	1994-2001
Folder 1:2.4	Newspaper Clippings
Folder 1:2.5	Meeting and Conference Notes, Providence Baptist Church
Folder 1:2.6	Ledger, Elim Baptist Church, 1830-1892
	Ledgers, Providence Baptist Church
Folder 2:2.7	1854-1898
Folder 2:2.8	1898-1909
Folder 2:2.9	1954-2001
Folder 2:2.10	Accounting Ledger, 1959-1984